CHAPTER 311

SOCIAL SERVICES DELINEATION

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A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the department of social services to delineate the intent and objectives of programs for young persons at certain institutions under its control.

WHEREAS, the determination of the proper level of appropriations for department, institutions, and programs is a most difficult task without the availability of accurate and detailed information relating to the performance of the departments, institutions, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the general assembly are often requested to appropriate funds for purposes the results of which are not often detailed or the objectives of which are not specified; and

WHEREAS, the members of the general assembly have a sincere concern regarding the rehabilitation of young persons and wish to achieve the objective of aiding young persons to become useful and happy citizens who will participate in society in a manner beneficial to themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, the programs conducted at Mitchellville, Eldora, Toledo, and the Annie Wittenmyer home for young persons should have as their objectives the goal of aiding young persons to become useful and happy citizens who will participate in society in a manner beneficial to themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, there is lacking information in regard to the programs being conducted at Mitchellville, Eldora, Toledo, and the Annie Wittenmyer home which will aid the members of the general assembly to determine the appropriate level of funds to be appropriated to aid in accomplishing the proper rehabilitation of young persons; Now Therefore,

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- SECTION 1. The department of social services shall be directed to clearly delineate the intent and the objectives of the programs being carried out for young persons at Mitchellville, Eldora, Toledo, and the Annie Wittenmyer home, including an explanation of the program that each is attempting to deliver, the program goals, and the program expenditures.
- SEC. 2. The department of social services shall initiate follow-up programs to determine if the intent and objectives of the programs are being accomplished and in so doing the department shall include the viewpoints and recommendations of the young persons who are or have been a part of the programs.
- SEC. 3. The department of social services shall make a report to the general assembly annually, if possible, but at least biennially, of the information requested in this resolution, including any recommendations for administrative or legislative changes designed to accomplish programs objectives.